County. For a good while his company was assigned to General Loring's body guard. Finally it was attached to a cavalry battallion and ordered to Tennessee. He was mortally wounded near Morristown, Tennesse, and died in a few days thereafter.

Thus closes the narrative for the present. Characters have passed under our notice that illustrate what may be achieved by persons who diligently make use of their opportunities. These persons were patriotic, industrious, and endowed with good minds, and have left their impress upon their community that makes for good morals, conservative citizenship, and intellectual improvement.

ISAIAH CURRY.

Not long after the war of 1812 Isaiah Curry, a native of Rockbridge County, located on Back Alleghany, at the place now owned by Zechariah Swink. Mrs Curry was Abigail Hall of Virginia. These worthy persons are the ancestors of the Curry relationship on Back Mountain. Late in life they moved to Lewis County. Their family consisted of four sons and four daughters: William, James, John, Robert, Sally, Elizabeth, Anna, and Margaret.

William Curry was a stone mason, and a very swift workman. His wife was Nancy Lytton, of Rockbridge, and after his marriage they settled in Lewis County,

James, when about grown, was killed by a falling tree while browsing cattle near home. Robert Curry

and Isaac Hayse were near him at the time, likewise employed.

John Curry married Virginia Wanless and settled on Back Allegnany. During the war he was taken prisoner and kept until peace was ratified and the prisoners released. He then located in Barbour County.

Robert Curry married Elizabeth Swink, of Rockbridge, and lived on Back Mountain. In reference to his family the following particulars are available:

His son James was a Confederate soldier, and was among the last soldiers killed at Appomattox in 1865.

Enos married Miss Logan, a daughter of the late John Logan, and lives on Back Alleghany.

Nancy was married to Samuel Hevener, and lives on Back Alleghany.

Charlotte became Mrs Brown Gum and lives in Randolph.

Venie became Mrs Jacob Cassell, and lives on Back Alleghany.

Charles married a Miss Burner, and lives on the homestead.

Robert Curry was an elder of the German Baptist Church. He died in 1881, meeting his death by drowning while attempting to ford the Leatherbark.

In regard to the daughters of Isaiah Curry, the ancestor, the following illustrative items are in hand:

Sally married James Cassell and settled in the far west. Elizabeth was married to James Jones, and settled in Harrison County. Anna became Mrs Isaac Hayse, and located in Barbour County. Margaret be-

came Thomas Galford's first wife.

Thus with the assistance of Mrs L. A. Hefner, on Swago, (a grand-daughter of Isaiah Curry), the writer has been able to record what has been done in illustrating the history of this family relationship.

Isaiah Curry possessed many good traits of character, and he was a fair specimen of the genuine Scotch-Irish people. His remote ancestors were among the people that suffered for their religious views in the north of Ireland, and came to the Valley of Virginia seeking a place to worship, unmolested by civil and religious tyranny.

A predominant trait in this man's character was his plain, common sense views of profane language. To start with, in his home training his mother and father had their son to notice that in the ten commandments cursing and swearing were forbidden along with murder, licentiousness, and theft. He could not bear the idea of being classified with the murderer, the immoral and the dishonest, in the sight of Him who has the power of life and death, and who is to dispense the final rewards and penalties. Hence his speech was pure, and he deplored profanity in others.

As a matter of course Mr Curry's opportunities for observation were not very wide, but still his ideas were impressive, and who is prepared to prove them incorrect? So far as it was his misfortune to hear profanity, he observed that profane persons were of two kinds: There were some profane people who were without good advantages in early life and through companionship with tough, half civilized people ac-

quired profane habits of speech. They may have in after years become ashamed of the habit and honestly tried to overcome it, but in a state of fret, worry, or sudden excitement have forgotten themselves for the time being. Simon Peter was probably one of this kind, and when confronted by a servant girl about his identity began to "curse and to swear," and thus betrayed the character of his early associations. To Simon's lasting credit be it remembered that he upon reflection became so utterly disgusted with himself that he went out and wept bitterly.

It was Mr Curry's misfortune, and the disagreeable misfortune of society in his day, to have observed that there was another class of profane people. Their profanity was the outcome of their coarse, sacriligious characters or dispositions, and were thus to be regarded as moral monstrosities or mental monstrosities, or mental degenerates.

Trained as he had been, this is the way he felt and talked about "cussing," and who can demonstrate where he was mistaken in his views?

ROBERT BEALE.

About the year 1827 Robert Beale, of Botetourt County, Virginia, settled on Elk, a half mile southeast of the place where Mary's Chapel now stands. A bed of tansy near the roadside marks the spot where the residence stood. The house was built of hewn timbers and floored with plank sawn with the whip saw by